

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (CANCELED)

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A keyboard having a substantially planar base according to claim 1, the keyboard comprising:

a plurality of keys to enter information, wherein each of said plurality of keys has a substantially planar key top and each of said plurality of keys is movable between first and second positions,

a moving mechanism that moves each of said plurality of keys in a direction different from a substantially vertical direction and maintains each respective key top parallel to the base between the first and second positions,

wherein said moving mechanism includes: separate first and second members, rotatably provided on at the base that, which base is fixed relative to the key each of said plurality of keys, for supporting the key, to support each of said plurality of keys, and a coupling member for connecting to connect the first and second members to each other and for synchronizing movements so that the first and second members rotate together synchronously, and

a forcing member that forces each of said plurality of keys from the second position to the first position.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A keyboard according to claim 2, wherein said first and second members have U-shapes whose are substantially U-shaped and openings of the U-

~~shaped first and second members face each other in the second position, and said forcing member is located between the first and second members and made of an elastic member.~~

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A keyboard according to claim 2, wherein the first and second members support ~~the key~~each of said plurality of keys at four points, and ~~said coupling member synchronizes movements of the four points.~~

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A keyboard according to claim 24, wherein ~~said moving mechanism includes a rotary mechanism that rotates around a base fixed relative to the key, said keyboard further comprising a stopper for restricting that restricts a rotary angle of said moving mechanism so that the rotary angle of the moving mechanism may fall~~falls within a ~~present~~preset range.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A keyboard according to claim 24, wherein ~~said moving mechanism includes a rotary mechanism that rotates around a base fixed relative to the key so that the key top may approach to~~different direction is toward a user of the keyboard.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A keyboard according to claim 24, wherein ~~said forcing member is a hollow elastic member, said keyboard further comprising, in a hollow part in the elastic member, a projection part for transmitting~~is provided in the forcing member to transmit information on keying to a switch part for recognizing ~~that~~that recognizes the keying.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An electronic apparatus comprising:
a keyboard ~~that having a substantially planar base, wherein the keyboard includes~~
a plurality of keys for entering information, ~~wherein each of said plurality of keys has a substantially planar key top and each of said plurality of keys is movable between first and second positions.~~

a moving mechanism for descending and ascending that moves each key of said plurality of keys in a direction different from a substantially vertical direction and for maintaining maintains an orientation of the each respective key top parallel to the base between the first and second positions, and a forcing member for forcing the moving mechanism to return the key to an original state; and

wherein said moving mechanism includes

separate first and second members, rotatably provided on the base, which base is fixed relative to each of said plurality of keys, to support each of said plurality of keys,

a coupling member to connect the first and second members so that the first and second members rotate together synchronously, and

a forcing member that forces each of said plurality of keys from the second position to the first position; and

a display part for displaying information input from said keyboard.

9. (NEW) A keyboard according to claim 2, wherein the forcing member is located between the first and second members.

10. (NEW) A keyboard according to claim 2, wherein the forcing member is elastic.

11. (NEW) A keyboard according to claim 2, wherein the coupling member connects one side of the first and second members.

12. (NEW) A keyboard according to claim 2, wherein the coupling member connects opposing sides of the first and second members.

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13. (NEW) A keyboard according to claim 2, wherein the coupling member is rectangular.